

# For discussion purposes only

## (Not to be placed in file)

- Reference US Publication No. 2005/0218856, which is relied upon to formulate all of the rejections of the present application, is not a prior art reference.
  - US Publication No. 2005/0218856 has a filing date of March 3, 2005 and a priority date of March 30, 2004.
  - The present application claims and is awarded priority to German utility patent application DE 10335923.0, which was filed August 6, 2003.
- Does Enomoto teach a valve block?
  - Are the valves of valve unit (VU) necessarily part of an ABS system, which is apart from the master cylinder, and thus all of the valves claimed as part of the valve block and the hydraulic connection therebetween cannot be located within a single valve block?
- Distinguishing feature(s) over the prior art
  - Prior art does not appear to teach direct connection of a pedal to a valve block.
  - Prior art does not appear to teach a brake pressure sensor, which is actuated by the brake pedal, disposed within the valve block.
- Potential Claim Amendment, if necessary

*a brake pressure sensor ~~(8)~~ (2) including a pressure space (3) and a pressure sensor (8) in fluid communication with the pressure space (8), which can be actuated by a brake pedal;*

Note: The brake pressure sensor, which requires a pressure space (3) and a pressure sensor in fluid communication with the pressure space (8), is later claimed to be disposed in the valve block.